

PEAK PERFORMANCE PROJECT

Governor Joe Kernan
Lt. Governor Kathy Davis

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The latest news about making government more accountable, accessible and efficient for Hoosiers

How is Peak Performance Strengthening Agriculture

It is important that we continue to strengthen agriculture's place in the Indiana economy in the 21st Century. Agriculture has been and remains vital to our state's development.

By placing agriculture with the Departments of Commerce and Workforce Development, Peak Performance is solidifying its importance with the rest of Indiana's economic development efforts.

The advantages of this restructuring include:

- Better **coordination** between producers and economic-development personnel;
- Greater **access** to and **variety** of markets through the value-added program; and
- Quicker **response** by State officials to the needs of Indiana's producers.

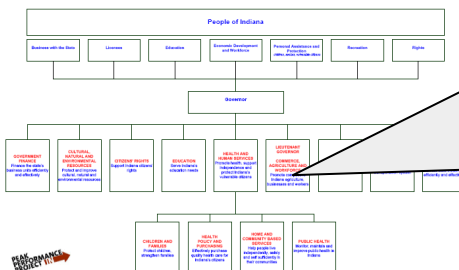
Agriculture is a business. And like any Hoosier business, we must do all we can to meet its needs quickly and efficiently. The Peak Performance Project ensures that State government can do just that.

Did you know?
Indiana is second only to Illinois in the percentage of soil rated as "prime farmland."



Lt. Gov. Davis, second from right, visits the Putnam County farm of Mark and Phyllis Legan. Pictured with Lt. Gov. Davis are, from left, Mark Legan, Asst. Commissioner of Agriculture Joe Pearson, Dept. of Commerce Region 6 Project Manager Andrew Conner and Legans' daughter, Beth. The synergy between agriculture, commerce and the Lieutenant Governor's Office is a key component of state government reorganization.

Commerce, Agriculture and Workforce: The lieutenant governor's cabinet post



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Click [here](#) for more information about the PPP reorganization.

One-stop shop

Environmental permitting

Click [here](#) to learn more about what the Peak Performance Project will do to make environmental permitting a smoother process for Hoosier farmers and producers. After all, they are the primary stewards for much of Indiana's rich farmland.

Agriculture has a proud history in Indiana and an even brighter future. By strengthening the link between agriculture and the departments of Commerce and Workforce Development, we ensure that Hoosier farmers and producers retain their place as an important engine of Indiana's economy.

Gov. Joe Kernan

Be part of the progress! Submit your ideas to peak@lg.in.gov and visit www.IN.gov/lgov/ppp.